

Esther Jackson Elementary  
School Governance Council  
Minutes for December 18, 2018

**Members Present:** Regina Bowie, Nikol Boyd, Susan Fox, Jennifer Holle, Rachael Lee, Christopher Massie, Erin Shurbutt, Kim Sonderman, Mike Thomas, Jill Vitagliano

**Guests:**

Curtis Mathis, Kelly Williamson

**Call to Order:**

At 5:00 pm the meeting was called to order.  
No public in attendance for public comment.

**Approve Agenda:**

- Jennifer Holle motioned to approve the agenda and Erin Shurbutt seconded.

**Approve Minutes:**

Kim Sonderman motioned to approve the minutes and Jennifer Holle seconded.

**Business:**

**Makerspace Discussion**

Curtis Mathis, Director of Sponsorships & Partnerships for the Roswell FireLabs joined the council to share ideas on designing a makerspace at Esther Jackson Elementary. Mr. Mathis discussed the services that are currently offered by the Makerspace that could benefit the school, such as STEM Night, field trips, robotics camp, and family partnerships. Kelly Williamson joined the discussed to inform the council on the materials and activities that are currently taking place that tie in with STEM and Maker-type activities. Mr. Mathis made suggestions of materials for a potential makerspace.

**Strategic Plan Monitoring Tool**

The council reviewed the Strategic Plan Monitoring Tool. The council agreed to change the goal under “People and Culture” based on the recommendation of Freddie Benschine at the November SGC meeting. There was a discussion surrounding the data that can be used to measure/monitor family engagement.

**Principal’s Report**

**Project SOAR**

- Nikol Boyd discussed the plans to continue project SOAR during the Summer of 2019.
- There is currently enough funding to run the program and purchase supplies. Additional funding sources are being looked at to provide payment to the teachers who are interested in participating.
- A Lending library will be debuting early 2019 in the River Crossing leasing office. The opening will be celebrated with a pizza reception.

**Afterschool Clubs**

- Nikol Boyd shared a list of afterschool clubs and activities that are currently taking place at Northwood Elementary school. The Council reviewed the list and discussed possible additions to the afterschool offerings at Esther Jackson.
- Kim Sonderman discussed the upcoming addition of Discovery Science Club and the start-up costs for a Lego Robotics club.

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Digital Sign Update

- Ms. Boyd shared the details of an estimate that was received for a digital sign display.
- The council discussed the positioning of the sign and possible facades after reviewing before and after photographs of other school signs.
- The Council agreed to seek additional estimates before moving forward.

**Grant Committee Update**

- Christopher Massie has begun to monitor the Grant opportunities that are released in a monthly newsletter.
- Mr. Massie shared details about the various grant categories and deadlines.

At 7:05 pm Jill Vitagliano motioned to end the meeting, Jennifer Holle seconded.

**Next Meeting:** January 31st at 5:00 p.m.